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1. SUBJECT WAS RAISED AT PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 5. DEPART-
MENT SPOKESMAN DREW ALMOST VERBATIM FROM FOLLOWING PREPARED
MATERIAL.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REMARKS BY TURKISH
PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD LEAVE

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GREECE AND TURKEY ALONE TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS?

ANSWER: FIRST LET ME SAY THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT.

OUR RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE WITH TURKEY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND HIS NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE PERIOD AHEAD.

AS CONCERNS PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S REMARKS, WE NOTE THAT HE INTENDS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO TURKEY'S PROBLEMS WITH GREECE AND TO BRINGING ABOUT A LASTING AND VIABLE SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE. WE WELCOME THIS INTEREST IN IMPROVING

TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND DEALING WITH THE COMPLEX CYPRUS ISSUE.

AS FOR OUR POSITION, WHAT WE HAVE SOUGHT TO DO IS TO ENCOURAGE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN THESE PROBLEM AREAS AND HAVE INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY WE CAN. THOSE CONTINUE TO BE OUR OBJECTIVES. CHRISTOPHER

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